

**FREDERICKSBURG
RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes of April 16, 2009**

The April meeting of the Fredericksburg Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, April 16, 2009 at the Dorothy Hart Community Center. The meeting began at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Brian Baker, Bob Carter, Ken Kroko, and George Solley. Also in attendance: Robert Antozzi and Patricia Sparks.
Absent: Commissioners George Foster, Charles McDaniel, Barbara Miller-Richards and Susan Tyler.

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of March 19, 2009 were unanimously approved.
- II. **Public Comment:** James Lawrence, of 802 Caroline Street, addressed the Commission. He thanked the Commissioners for letting him speak. He stated that Ray Ocel, Planning Director, informed the City Council that there were three speakers at the last Planning Commission Meeting. The Planning Director did not include comments that were made by Mr. Lawrence in reference to the Cal Ripken Foundation project in a memo to City Council. Mr. Lawrence requested that Commissioner Baker check over the Planning Commission minutes to make sure they are correct. Mr. Lawrence also recommended planting trees as soon as possible and place benches at the Riverfront Park. Mr. Lawrence announced that there is a Downtown Retail Merchants Association meeting on April 23rd at the Richard Johnston Inn. He encouraged the Commissioners to attend.
- III. **Communications from the Director:** The Commissioners reviewed the following reports:
 - A. Financial Report March 2009
 - B. Sports Notes March-April 2009 – The Commissioners discussed the process of team placements. It was agreed that a sub-committee be formed to review the current policy on team placements and place on the May agenda.
 - C. Leisure Report April-May 2009
 - D. Old Mill Park Report –March 2009
 - E. Follow-up Report March 19, 2009
 - F. Letter to Director from Helen Sanders
 - G. Letter to Director from Donald Minor
- IV. **Noteworthy Dates:** The Commissioners reviewed upcoming Parks and Recreation programs.

V. Old Business:

- A. Pathways** – The VCR Trail specifications for bid are very close to completion. It is possible that with state funds, regional funds, and FAMPO funds that the entire trail will be funded. The Heritage Trail contract with the selected engineer is also close to completion.
- B. Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation Partnership** – Commissioner Baker reported that he would meet with Patricia Wolfrey and the Cal Ripken team in May to discuss the agreement regarding the Cal Ripken project. The Planning Commission approved the Cal Ripken plan and it was submitted to the City Council on Tuesday, however, they did not vote on it. City Council will vote on the project once the Memorandum of Agreement and the Lease Agreement have been reviewed by both parties. On April 22, a meeting is scheduled with the City Attorney, Bev Cameron and Dr. Antozzi to resolve any pending issues.
- C. Riverfront Park** – Commissioner Solley reported that the Riverfront Task Force has made a decision that the Wings on the Water building and decking should be removed in order to develop the property in the interim until the City can afford to develop the property into a park. The Task Force recommended having the area on the left, where Tommy Mitchell's building once stood, remain a grassy area with some landscaping. The walkway down to the river will remain.
- D. Commission Vacancies** – Commissioner Crosslin submitted his resignation. The Commissioners were encouraged to make recommendations for a replacement.
- E. City Property Initiative Report** – Progressing very well.
- F. Volunteer Banquet Report** - Leave on agenda for further discussion.
- G. Budget Update** – Dr. Antozzi reported that due to Janet LaFleur's resignation, he met with the City Manager to discuss the effects of not filling her position. The City Manager discussed the issue with City Council and it was agreed that her position be filled. Dr. Antozzi stated that the composition of the Sports Supervisor job description was re-evaluated and has been changed in order to streamline the workflow. Dr. Antozzi reported that approximately forty applications had been received to date.

H. Proposed Business Changes – Subject to budget changes. No current information is available. It was agreed to keep on the agenda until the budget is adopted.

I. Camping-Old Mill Park – No new information.

J. Visionary Planning/Retreat – The Commission discussed and agreed to schedule a retreat at Motts Run Reservoir in place of the regular June 18th Commission Meeting. Commissioner Baker will e-mail the Commissioners with more details.

VI. New Business:
None


VII. Commission Concerns and Topics:

Commissioner Carter complimented the staff on the kiosks' at the parks and the overall appearance of all the parks.

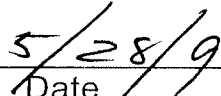
Dr. Antozzi reported that he had received a call from Commissioner Foster stating that he had received a complaint that the fees for the vendors at Finally Friday were raised. Dr. Antozzi stated that the fees have not been increased, rather as proposed by the Finally Friday vendors, they will track their receipts and they will pay Parks and Recreation 10% of their net sales from each Finally Friday event.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Approved by the Recreation Commission



Robert Antozzi



Date

Next Commission Meeting Thursday, May 21, 2009.